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SUBJECT: ANTI-SOVIET EGYPTIAN MOVES

1. IN WAKE OF GOE ACCUSATIONS THAT COMMUNISTS FOMENTED
JANUARY 18-19 RIOTING, COUPLED WITH EDITORIAL ATTACKS ON
SOVIET MEDIA REPORTING OF DISTURBANCES, THERE NOW EVIDENCE
OF LOW-LEVEL CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT OF SOVIETS: (A) BEFORE
CAIRO BOOK FAIR OPENED JANUARY 26, EGYPTIAN SECURITY AUTH-
ORITIES INSPECTED SOVIET PAVILION AND CONFISCATED SEVERAL
TITLES; (B) LOCAL PRESS JAN 27 REPORTS MOTION IN PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY PREVIOUS DAY TO SEVERE RELATIONS WITH USSR. MOTION
HAS BEEN REFERRED TO FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE;
AND (C) IN CULTURAL FIELD, RASHAD RUSHDY, HEAD OF ARTS INSTI-
TUTE, TERMINATED CONTRACTS OF SOVIET BALLET INSTRUCTORS
AND MUSIC TEACHERS IN CAIRO CONSERVATORY. RUSHDY, WHO USUALLY
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CONFINES HIMSELF TO LITERARY CRITICISM AND DRAMA, HAD ARTICLE
IN JANUARY 26 AKHBAR ATTACKING COMMUNIST INFLUENCE ("IDEAS FROM
ABROAD") ON EGYPTIAN PLAYWRITES.

2. COMMENT: HARASSMENT PROBABLY NATURAL RESULT OF GOE EFFORTS
TO BLAME LOCAL COMMUNISTS FOR RECENT DISTURBANCES. GOE,
HOWEVER, APPARENTLY MAKING NO EFFORT TO MOLLIFY SOVIETS,

EVEN THOUGH SOME EGYPTIANS HOPING THAT UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS
WITH SOVIET DEPT FOREIGN TRADE MIN GRISHIN COULD PRODUCE
SOME SOVIET CONCESSIONS ON DEBT MORATORIUM.
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